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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 4 and 5 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-3, 6, 8-11, 14, 15, and 16 as follows:

1. (currently amended): A self-service terminal comprising:

a user interface display for displaying information on a screen, the screen having a first area and a second area; and

a terminal application for controlling the user interface display, the terminal application having an embedded web browser, said terminal application being resident on the self-service terminal to effect a financial transaction, the terminal application controlling the first area to display financial information associated with the financial transaction and the embedded web browser controlling the second area to display third party information retrieved from a remote server, upon selection of the second area, the second area becomes activated and expands;

a link to a remote server storing a server application for issuing to the terminal application requests for using the user interface, wherein a user of the terminal is able to access the server application from the terminal, and the server application is able to use one or more facilities provided by the user interface.

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2. (currently amended): A terminal according to claim[1] 17, wherein ~~the user interface~~ said one or more peripherals includes user input means, ~~a display~~, and at least one other peripheral device.

3. (currently amended): A terminal according to claim[1] 17 wherein ~~the server application~~ sends information in the form of page description language to the terminal, ~~the terminal~~ further comprising means for receiving files conforming to a page description language.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended): A terminal according to claim 1, wherein the remote server implements session tracking to maintain an association between the remote server and the terminal.

7. (original): A terminal according to claim 1, wherein the remote server provides a session object for each terminal, so that the session object maintains information about the application flow being executed by that terminal.

8. (currently amended): A terminal according to claim 1, wherein the terminal application monitors the ~~terminal web browser~~ usage during operation of the third party application of the activated second area to ensure that the user is still present.

9. (currently amended): A terminal according to claim[1] 17, wherein the terminal provides a port to which the server application can send the command requests.

10. (currently amended): A terminal according to claim[1] 17, wherein the terminal provides the server with a response indicating the status of a command request.

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11. (currently amended): A self-service terminal system comprising:

a plurality of self-service terminals, each terminal having a terminal application and a display for displaying information on a screen, the screen having a first area and a second area, said terminal application being resident on each terminal to effect a financial transaction, said terminal application having an embedded web browser, the terminal application controlling the first area to display financial information associated with the financial transaction; and

a remote server interconnected to the plurality of self-service terminals, the remote server storing a server application at the remote server, the server application comprising a third party application flow, so that users of the terminals are able to access the server application from the terminals, and the server application, when executed on the remote server or a self-service terminal, is being operable to issue requests to the terminal applications to use any one or more peripheral devices incorporated in the terminals, the embedded web browser controlling the second area to display the third party application flow retrieved from a remote server.

12. (original): A system according to claim 11, further comprising an authorization server operable to authorize transactions requested by users of the terminals.

13. (original): A self-service terminal operable to select one of a plurality of user interface applications for presentation to a user, at least one user interface application being controlled by the owner of the terminal, and at least one user interface application being controlled by a third party, wherein the user interface application controlled by the third party is operable to request use of facilities controlled by the terminal.

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14. (currently amended): A method of hosting a third party application on a self-service terminal having a terminal application, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a link to a server application stored on a remote server;

presenting a user with the option of interacting with the terminal application, the terminal application being resident on the self-service terminal and having an embedded web browser, the terminal application controlling a first area of the terminal's display, the embedded web browser controlling a second area of the terminal's display;

presenting a user with the option of interacting with the server application through the embedded web browser; and

in response to a user requesting interaction with the server application, executing the server application, and presenting the server application to the user, and expanding the size of the second area; and

~~monitoring the server application for requests to use facilities controlled by the terminal application.~~

15. (currently amended): A method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

monitoring the user's interaction with the server application for the terminal application to detect absence of the user.

16. (currently amended): A method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of:

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upon detecting absence of the user, halting the server application, contracting the second area to its original size, and presenting the terminal application.

Please add the following new claims.

17. (new): The self-service terminal of claim 1 further comprising:

one or more peripherals; and

a link to the remote server, the remote server storing a server application, the server application, when executed on the self-service terminal or the remote server, issues command requests to the terminal application for accessing said one or more peripherals, and allows a user of the terminal to access the server application from the terminal, and wherein the server application is further operable to interface with and utilize said one or more peripherals by communicating through the user interface.

18. (new): The self-service terminal of claim 1 wherein the second area is expanded to cover substantially the entire display.